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Summer Fun 2024

Paw Paw Family Camp

Summer Camp



Summer activities in Paw Paw started with a family camp for the month of June. An average of 50 children and their parents participated in Magic Monday, Wacky Wednesday and Fun Friday activities held at the Paw Paw Municipal park.

STEM

This year a STEM component was added. Jenny Ellis, Anne Darling and Carmen Winiarski led activities such as balloon-powered cars and other STEM challenges. The highest attendance of 60 kids was on a Stem Day.

It was enriching to provide a family camp with parents participating, leading stations, and working one on one with the children.

We have a tremendous collaboration with many agencies. The Morgan Partnership and Life or Drugs sent different helpers every day. WVU Extension, Amie Tutor provided smoothies and healthy cooking options. Glenda and Rhonda, ladies from Paw Paw churches assisted with kitchen and food service.



Music was also a new component this year, with Vista member Devin Abe organizing local musicians making



New Partners

It was wonderful to collaborate with new partners from the Morgan Arts Council. Hiroko and Eddy Rubin taught on Japanese culture and nature. This was the first year we offered mindful movement funded by the school system and led by Hiroko and Laura Falcon.



music and demonstrating instruments to the group. This gave students a chance to experience various types of musical instruments.



Concrete support was available in the form of free food, clothing, books, and tomato plants as well as a free lunch.

This is a great collaborative activity for the Paw Paw area and we thank our sponsor Eastern WV Community Foundation for grant funds to facilitate this project.





The FatherForge program is thriving, with many dads completing it and new ones joining all the time. Participants gain valuable parenting skills and build stronger bonds with their children.

This program helps create healthier family dynamics and supports child development. Take the first step towards improving your Dad skills—sign up now and make a positive impact on your family!

[Learn more about FatherForge.](#)



Empty Bowls Fundraiser
September 20, 2024

Friday, September 20, 2024
American Legion Post in Berkeley Springs.
We hope you will join us for bowls,
a meal, the silent auction,
designer purse raffle and entertainment.

All proceeds benefit the Meal Time Community Kitchen at Starting Points.

We Are Accepting Donations For The Silent Auction.
[Email Audrey @ amorris@starting-points.org](mailto:amorris@starting-points.org)

Volunteer Opportunities

Would you be able to give some time back to the community? If you or a group would like to volunteer your time, please contact Sharon Abdelaal at sabdelaal@starting-

points.org or 304-258-5600. We love to see new faces in the kitchen, guest speakers in our educational programs, and fundraising activities.

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